

SB 411: Montana Developmental Center Closure

Client Status as of April 2016

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Background

The 2015 Legislature passed Senate Bill 411, requiring the Department of Public Health and Human Services to develop and put into place a plan to close the Montana Developmental Center (MDC) by June 30, 2017. As part of that effort, the department is supposed to transition most of the residents out of the facility and into community services by Dec. 31, 2016.

This briefing paper discusses the number and status of MDC clients as of April 22, 2016.

MDC Population

Since the last report on the MDC census in late February, 10 clients have left the facility. The MDC census was 40 in late April, compared with 50 in February.

Of the 10 clients who left MDC:

- six moved into group homes operated by A.W.A.R.E. Inc. in Butte;
- two moved into group homes operated by Quality Life Concepts in Great Falls;
- one was placed at the Montana Mental Health Nursing Care Center in Lewistown; and
- one who was at MDC on a voluntary basis left the facility.

Of the remaining 40 clients:

- nine have been convicted of crimes and are not eligible for community services at this time;
- 21 have been accepted by providers for future placement in community services; and
- 10 remain on the so-called "port list," awaiting acceptance into community services.

The table on the following page summarizes key information about the number of individuals who were at MDC as of April 22, 2016, by type of admission.

Snapshot of MDC Client Status as of April 22

| | Type of Admission | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Civil | Voluntary | Criminal |
| Number of Clients | 23 | 8 | 9 |
| Port List* | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| Lowest Length of Stay (Days) | 214 | 525 | 199 |
| Highest Length of Stay (Days) | 5,994 | 6,812 | 2,737 |
| Average Length of Stay (Days) | 1,645 | 2,067 | 1,316 |
| Fewest Days on Port List* | 84 | 84 | -- |
| Most Days on Port List* | 1,568 | 84 | -- |
| Average Days on Port List* | 257 | 84 | -- |
| Lowest Cost Plan | \$182,511 | \$160,221 | \$182,511 |
| Highest Cost Plan | \$392,352 | \$255,455 | \$186,931 |
| Average Cost Plan | \$214,117 | \$207,732 | \$184,875 |

* Individuals who have been accepted for community placements are not included in the Port List numbers, even though they were still at MDC as of April 22.